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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

The Honorable Eric Fanning
Secretary of the Air Force
1670 Air Force Pentagon
Washington, DC 20330-1670

Dear Secretary Fanning:

On April 23, 2013, Air Force and Pentagon representatives met with Military Religious Freedom Foundation (MRFF) President Michael Weinstein, to discuss religious freedom in the military.

We agree with the concerns of Congressman Doug Lamborn and others questioning the Pentagon's judgment and reasoning in accepting a meeting with Mr. Weinstein, as outlined in a May 13 letter to Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel detailing "numerous inflammatory statements from Mr. Weinstein in recent weeks."

In your response to Mr. Lamborn's letter, you stated Mr. Weinstein was granted a meeting at his request. In attendance were the Judge Advocate General, Deputy Inspector General, Deputy Chief of Chaplains, Director of Air Force Equal Opportunity and other staff members.

Because religious freedoms are extremely important to us, to military service members and to our veterans, we request a meeting with the above mentioned military leaders, which will confer the same courtesy extended to Mr. Weinstein and MRFF.

We strongly believe the Pentagon should hear from all concerned as the Department of Defense (DoD) revises DoD Instructions, 1300.17 "Accommodations of Religious Practices within the Military Services," and 1304.28, "Guidance for the Appointment of Chaplains for the Military Departments."

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We look forward to hearing from you soon to schedule a time convenient to the Department of Defense and the Department of the Air Force.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Wildmon". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tim Wildmon
President

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cc: The Honorable Chuck Hagel
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